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United Church

Sunday School, 2 p.m.
It is fine to see the boys and girls in Sunday School—last Sunday, total attendance, 90. Let's reach the 100 mark again.
Public worship, 7.30 p.m.
The evening service of worship will centre round an old word with a new meaning. The word is "Salvation." What does it mean to you who read?
Music: Prelude. Vocal solo. Chorus, "Thou' your sins be as scarlet."
N. W. Whitmore, Minister.

The dance on Friday last is reported as a pleasant and successful event, and was carried on into the early morning hours. Music was rendered by a local orchestra comprised of Mrs. Arden, piano and Messrs. McNeill, L. Burnett, Chestnut and McDunn, their talent being well appreciated by those present.

Those wishing to secure bulbs, shrubs, small fruits, etc. for spring planting, should order their supplies through Mrs. E. S. Sexton, agent for the Patmore Nursery Co.

Extra! Extra!
Rawhide Halters
Weigh 2 1/2 lbs. each, 1 1/2 inch double and thong leed, will sell until March 15, \$1.35 each

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PATHFINDER CORD
3 1/2 x 90 inch
Caseings at \$10.00

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Scotland: the Second Country to Be Visited in a Series of National Tans

The people of Empress, after an enjoyable visit in the old U.S.A. at the home of Mrs. W. C. Boyd recently, were pleased to sail across to the home of Mrs. Tammas Wallace, last Thursday, and wander awhile in bonny Scotland.

One felt right at home when the door was opened, for each was greeted by the hostess, in native costume. The rooms were prettily decorated with pictures, phidls, and other things too Scotch to mention, the thistle and heather being much in evidence. All blended together created a real Scottish atmosphere.

The continuous programme provided, delighted all present, and had to be repeated three times in the evening. The opening number was a rollicking chorus, "Rolling Home to Bonny Scotland." Mr. McNeill gave a splendid introduction to Scotland and the peculiarities of her people in a humorous reading. Mr. Wallace's solo, "I Love a Lassie," and the one, "I Love a Haggis" was one of the hits of the evening. Some national dances were given in costume. Mr. Wallace and Mr. McNeill giving an exhibition of the Highland Scotch-tische. Mrs. Wallace the Highland Fling, and Tammas and his guld woman in the Scotch Reel. These were much enjoyed. The number, "Piping in the Haggis" was descriptive of Scottish custom and was unique in itself. Mr. Wallace and Mr. McNeill sang, "A Wee Hoose Maug the Heather," but they brought down the house in the

old favorite, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," in costume. Mrs. McNeill in singing "My Ain Folk" touched the heart strings of all, as "East, West, Home's Best" applies to all lands and peoples. Various violin numbers by Mr. McNeill and selections on the phonograph all helped to intensify the pleasure of the evening. Mrs. Hall presided at the piano. The refreshments were typical, and were served by bairns in plaids, consisting of mashed potatoes, haggis, Scotch fruit cake, short bread, scones and the favorite "cuppie."

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ICE CREAM
Candies, Cigars, Cigarettes
Always a Full Stock Carried
We enter to farmers, country people
A Place of City Style

Ladies' Aid Annual Meeting

The March meeting of the Ladies of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Hall, twenty members present. The President, Miss Rowles in the chair.

The annual election of officers was simplified by the election of all officers by acclamation:
President: Miss Rowles.
1st Vice Pres. Mrs. Hall.
2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. Puffin.
Secretary Mrs. M. G. Boyd.
Treasurer Mrs. Arthur.
Asst. Treas.: Mrs. McGill.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended the Executive for their planning and leadership during the past year.

A novel device for raising money was introduced, taking the form of artistically printed cards with places for dimes to be inserted for various holidays during the year.

A new Bazaar committee was formed and plans were started for the holding of the annual bazaar next Fall.

The retiring Bazaar Committee was given a hearty round of applause in appreciation of their services in the Society during the past three years.

The sum of \$25 was voted to the Church Board to help meet their budget for the current year.

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EMPRESS HIGH SCHOOL

Standing for the months of January and February.

Third Year Students:
Mary Rowles, 79 p.c.
Marian Torry, 74.8
Betty Duff, 64.7
Hazel Northcott, 60.8
Ronald Cusack, 60.7
Violet Stearns, 52.3
Ruth Marquardt, 51.5

Second Year Students:
Ross Young, 85.8
Allan VanCleave, 84.6
Harold Boyd, 86.1
Mildren Jackson, 86
Lloyd McLean, 81.7
Bill Reid, 54.5
Dorothy Jackson, 53.8
Willard Story, 53.2
Cora McLean, 53.1
Naomi Boyd, 52.6
Paul Pawlak, 51

First Year Students:
Thomas Madsen, 57.8
Jack McPherson, 50.8
Greta Hanns, 47.6
Stewart McPherson, 46.2

Public School Report
(Not including Grades VI, VII and VIII.)

Grade V:
Clinton Leach, 100 p.c.
Forrest Frost, 100
Udelle Blodgett, 97
Kenneth Boswell, 96
Billy Torry, 94
Keith Butterford, 93
Wilda Livermore, 92
Ruth Arthur, 91
Lois McDonald, 90
Molly Grogbie, 90
Inez Burnett, 82
Margaret Reid, 82
Stanley Hay, 81
John Cairns, 78
Russel Crozier, 72
Lillian Cairns, 68
Ira Fountain, 65
Fred Blodgett, 61
Eva Hunt, 50
Harry Reddy, not ranked

Grade IV:
Beatrice Hall, 92 p.c.
Vera Morrison, 90
James Usher, 88
John Turner, 85
Arthur Belle, 81
Lewis Hanna, 77
Ferne Frost, 76
Leslie Hay, 75
Harold Dunn, 70
Marion McPherson, 68
Gordon Boyd, 63
Glen Morrison, 62
Charlie Rowles, 61
Ernest Duff, 56
Lorraine Hunt, 50

Grade III:
Evel Russell, 100
Randy McCune, 93
Donald McCune, 4
V. Stubbington, 5
H. Stubbington, 6
Harold Trewin, 6
Helen Blunt

Grade II:
Julia Smyth, 1
Joseph Balawicz, 2
Melville Boswell, 3
Sylvia Ferguson, 4
Ocell Young, 5
Nancy Ferguson, 5
Thelma Arnold, 6
Orval Trewin, 7
Stanley Pawlak, 7
Mabel Langmuir, 8
Arthur Duff, 9

Grade I:
W. Highmore, 1
Evel McCune, 2
Howard Blodgett, 3
Maxine Pawlak, 3
Iona Alton, 3
Ocell Dunn, 4
Junior Crocker, 5
Dorothy Reid, 5
James Cairns, 6
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"ERIN GO BRAGH"

Few of us are at present able to plan a trip to the old country, in fact most of us think we will do well if we manage to travel as far as Estuary. Of course, if we did set out across the Atlantic, we would be anxious to visit the most picturesque of countries, Ireland, if only to kiss the blarney stone.

Realizing the many attractions of Erin, a chance is being given to everyone in the country of the blessed, provided that they will spend the hour somewhere between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m., on Thursday, March 18th, in the Empress Hotel, Toronto. At the hours of 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., J. M. Syng's Irish drama, "The Shadow of the Glen" will be enacted, and one should plan to have tea either before or after. The drama is written in most delightful Irish, and is a touch of life in a shepherd's home but at the top of the big give in County Wicklow.

Of course the Blarney stone has been brought over for the occasion, and all will be expected to kiss it.

The expenditure of 25c and a little imagination will be rewarded by the Tea.

Grade III:
Zina Torry, 1
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Donald McCune, 4
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The Divine Initiative

It is true that man must supplement the divine enterprise of revelation and grace towards us, with his own endeavours and contrivances. "He must add grace to revelation, statistics to prophecy, analytical investigation to divine guidance, controlled experiment to prayer." Yet too much emphasis on man's energetic striving is apt to minimize our sense of obligation to God. It is His will that we climb, it is His delight to honor faithfulness. He has made us aware of our spiritual poverty when divorced from Him. His love sent a living portrait of Himself as our Father in Jesus. We may be reaching heights unimagined in the past, but it is God who fires our zeal, who gives us glory only in realization of the highest. Unremitting efforts to know, to grow, and to show good things must be our part, but God's grace alone makes these possible. We love because He first loved us.

Duke Taylor left on Tuesday morning for Hamilton, having been transferred to the staff of the Royal Bank at that point. He made numerous friends during his stay here, whose well wishes he carries with him to his new position.

The Play, and the Blarney Stone. Ladies interested in the drama, may procure, daily printed, all the recipes for an additional 10c. "Come back to Erin."



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'The Mens' Man'

EMPRESS THEATRE
W. C. ROYD, MANAGER
THIS SATURDAY
Stop! Look! Listen!
Dangerous Laughs Ahead in the
"SPEED SPOOK"
Comedy Automobile Race Picture, starring JOHNNY HINES
It is a cyclone of laughter, and will also teach a lot of drivers that danger is not meant for road safety
NEXT WEEK
"Barbara Frietsche"
Photoplay of famous historical episode, will set your nerves tingling
Recitation by Miss Naomi Boyd

Hon. Charles Dunning To Enter King Cabinet As Minister Of Railways

Ottawa.—Hon. Charles Dunning, premier of Saskatchewan, is entering the King Government as minister of railways and canals. Mr. Dunning succeeded Hon. Geo. P. Graham, who has resigned his portfolio. Mr. Graham will continue, however, in the government as minister without portfolio.

Official announcement to this effect was made late Saturday afternoon by Premier W. L. Mackenzie King.

The prime minister further declared that Mr. Dunning, Liberal for Regina C.N., had resigned to make way for Dunning. Nominations day was fixed for March 16, stated Premier King, with March 23 as the date of the by-election in Regina.

The resignation of Mr. Graham and the appointment of Mr. Dunning marked the first of three several cabinet changes forecast since the general election in October.

Mr. Dunning is expected in the capital within a few days to enter into the privy council. Mr. Graham, he declined to comment on his own resignation. "I have nothing to add to what has been said by the prime minister," he said. The prime minister made only a brief announcement Sunday afternoon following a meeting of the cabinet.

Other by-elections will undoubtedly follow the one in Regina next month, but it is stated now definitely that any new ministers will be selected from the Liberal ranks in the House of Commons. The most probable new member of the cabinet will be Mr. Liberal member for North Waterloo. Mr. Ealer has been constantly among those named in cabinet forecasts since the general election in October and has been mentioned for the portfolio of either immigration or labor. James Malcolm, Liberal member for St. John's, has also been frequently mentioned, although if Mr. Malcolm entered the cabinet, it would probably be as minister without portfolio.

Whatever by-elections are scheduled they will come after the one in Regina on the 23rd of next month. This would mean early April at least before the ministers to follow Mr. Dunning into the cabinet would be able to take their seats on the treasury benches.

World Marketing Plan

Representatives of Co-operative Wheat Producers Details at St. Paul. St. Paul, Minn.—Details of the plan for an international wheat pool or organization were under discussion here at the conference of representatives of many co-operative wheat producers.

The Russian wheat marketing situation and the manner in which it might be included in a world-wide marketing plan was outlined to the conference by D. P. Pavlov, official trade delegate of the Soviet union.

Conference sessions have been open only to official delegates and only the general plans of the conference are being made public.

Wanted American Ship

New York.—An SOS call which specified "only American-bound ships" needed reply is reported here. The message was sent by the British steamer *Oryx*, which had gone to the rescue of three men in a disabled motor boat in West Indian waters. The boat was refused to be rescued by a ship bound for London and drifted for another ten hours until a United States vessel happened along.

Clash Occurs Over The Word "Obstructor" In Debate In House

Ottawa.—Another clash between Hon. Lester Chubb, collector-general, and C. R. Chubb, Conservative, St. Lawrence, occurred in the debate on the address in the House of Commons. Mr. Chubb referred to Mr. Cannon's criticism of his lengthy speech and used the word "obstructor."

The collector-general rose to a point of privilege and quoted Hon. Chubb at length to prove that Mr. Chubb had himself said that he would himself "obstructor."

Speaker Lemieux intervened. He had already ruled, he said, that no member was entitled to accuse another of obstructing nor to say that he was "wasting public money." Any member had a right to speak as long as he chose on any question before the house under the normal rules.

School Trustees' Convention

Large Attendance of Saskatchewan Trustees at Regina Gathering.—Regina.—Education in the various phases as taught in the schools of the province was criticized, commended and debated by the 80 delegates attending the annual convention of the Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association.

Stressing the need for an examination of Saskatchewan schools, Chas. E. Little, Ogema, president of the association, declared that agricultural instruction was not sufficiently emphasized in the present curriculum. Mr. Little was severe on the college of agriculture which, he declared, failed to meet the needs of agriculture.

The high school conference went on record as saying that the cost of secondary education should be borne by the people as a whole and that the principle of charging fees in schools and high schools was detrimental to the best interests of education and a "retrograde movement."

Unanimous assent was also given to a resolution urging that all construction necessary to the development of the Hudson's Bay route should be controlled by immediate legislation. This resolution is to be sent to Sir Henry Thornton, to the federal minister of railways and right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, "member for Prince Albert." This gives the trustees' association the distinction of being the first organization to address Premier King by his most recent designation.

Says War Is Inevitable

Fascist Paper Believes Italy and France Should Be Allies.—Rome.—Italy and France have every reason to be allied, rather than enemies, in the inevitable war which everyone deprecates but which is already predictable by so many signs, declares *L'Impero*, extreme Fascist paper, in denouncing charges by Senator de Kerouze that Italy is embarking upon the largest of all naval construction programs.

The Messager also denies the French senator's charges and says: "Mr. de Kerouze's allegations will only serve to provoke between Italy and France a naval armament competition for which it would be preferable to avoid in the regional interest between both countries."

Many Killed In Snowslide

Buildings In Utah Mining District Crushed Under Debris.—Salt Lake City, Utah.—Several buildings, including the Methodist church, were buried under a snowslide in Sap Gulch in the Highland Bay mining district near Brigham, 15 miles south of Salt Lake City, Sunday, Feb. 17.

Estimates of those entombed in the avalanche of snow, rock and brush that slid down the mountain slope range between 10 and 100.

Little hope is held out for their rescue alive.

Fire burning in the buildings which were crushed under hundreds of tons of debris imperilled the safety of those who may have escaped instant death when their homes were crushed.

As civilization advances children begin to worry at an earlier age.

Alberta Legislature

Second Largest Surplus in History of Province Is Shown

Edmonton.—The most important news of the week in the Alberta Legislature was the announcement by Premier J. E. Brownlee that for the year 1925 the public accounts of the province showed a balance of revenues and expenditure of \$115,015, the second largest surplus in the history of the province. As in last year's budget a deficit had been estimated, the announcement was received with much satisfaction.

The telephone deficit was only \$5,000, as compared with \$110,000 in 1924, and generally other departments were in a very satisfactory condition. The value of the agricultural products of the province was placed at \$254,000,000, while production of coal, oil, and other minerals, was also largely increased in 1925.

The administration of the Liquor Act, with one commissioner, and also the administration of the Leithridge Northern Irrigation system, had been very successful, many new settlers having been placed on the latter project.

\$112,000 received from the Dominion Government as Alberta's share of the surplus of the 1919 wheat bonus was devoted to the promotion of co-operative enterprise.

Prosperity had returned to Alberta, and he looked for a big influx of immigration into the province. He would like to see the word immigration dropped from the vocabulary, and "colonization" substituted. They wanted more control over immigration and colonization, so that the people who came in would be the class who would prosper, and be prosperous and satisfied.

Concluding, he urged co-operation between cities and country in the legislature by cutting down the public spirit. Methods of government were changing, and he believed the party system was being superseded by something better.

Hon. C. R. Mitchell, leader of the Liberal opposition, did not amplify the protest made by a supporter on the opening day of the session that the house should not have convened with six seats vacant. His only mention of the matter was the vacancies made more imperative than ever for the Opposition to scrutinize incoming legislation closely.

He charged the government with having neglected to carry out the recommendations of the commission appointed to seek a solution of the northwestern dry area of the province. Government was being featured by the U.P.A., but he had yet to hear anything said in its favor in the house by the premier or ex-premier. He objected to the deposition of Premier Greenfield by a party caucus. The people should have been consulted.

Speaking for the Labor group, F. J. White, member for Calgary, said the attitude of the Labor party towards the government was not opposition, but co-operation, both in Edmonton and Ottawa.

He charged the government with the payment of the Spray Lakes power by the government, rather than by private enterprise.

He charged the government with the use of a fund to provide for seasonal unemployment, which was largely caused by methods of farming in Alberta.

He further urged conservation of the natural resources of the province for the benefit of the people.

Canada's Stand On Peace Pact Important

If Not Bound, Dominion Could Remain Neutral in Event of War

London.—Commenting on the report which has been officially denied that the Canadian Government had decided to introduce a resolution in the House of Commons at Ottawa declaring that Canada disassociates herself from the obligations imposed by the Locarno pact, The Daily Herald says that this decision, if true, marks a very definite state in the evolution of the British empire.

It is already recognized that each self-governing part of the empire may make treaties on its own account, but the Locarno treaties are not in the same category, as those which have been so far separately negotiated, the paper says.

They are treaties involving the obligation to go to war under certain circumstances. If Britain is thus bound to Canada, not we are faced by the remarkable possibility that one part of the empire may be at war and the other not—that Canada may be bound in a war in which Britain is a belligerent.

Paying War Debt

Britain to Pay \$160,000,000 of U. S. War Debt This Year

London.—Right Hon. Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, today announced in the House of Commons that Great Britain's net payments to the United States on account of her war debt would amount to \$23,542,000 (about \$160,000,000) principal and interest during 1925, assuming sterling at par value.

Against this, he said, Great Britain would receive approximately \$1,600,000 (about \$6,800,000) from German reparations and payments on the allied war debt already funded. Mr. Churchill added that negotiations were proceeding for settlement of the remaining allied war debts.

No Liquor Buying Combine

Plan of Prairie Provinces Forming a Co-operative Organization Not Feasible

Victoria.—There is no possibility of British Columbia and the prairie provinces forming a co-operative organization for the purchase of liquor as rumored in Calgary recently during the conference there between liquor commissioners, Hugh Davidson, British Columbia representative, who returned this week, declared.

"It is absolutely impracticable, in view of the utterly different conditions prevailing in the various provinces," he said. "We never seriously considered it. If it was mentioned at all, and certainly there never was any intention of attempting to put it into effect."

Spending Millions On Navy

U. S. Government Also Plans Increase To Aircraft Equipment

Washington.—The senate has passed the annual navy department appropriation bill after restoring two sections eliminated by the house, one providing \$4,822,000 for new planes, and the other to authorize the navy to contract for new aircraft equipment up to \$14,000,000.

The bill, as passed by the senate, carried a total of \$316,423,000 for all activities of the navy, including \$18,900,000 for the air service.

Strenuous Fight Over Freight Rates Case Reaches Critical Juncture

Record Cattle Shipment

Cattle and Hogs Leave Winnipeg Enroute For Britain

Winnipeg.—All records for cattle shipments from Western Canada were shattered Feb. 17 when a special Canadian National train, consisting of 54 cars, left here with 800 head of beef animals and 1,000 hogs destined for the Old Country. It was the largest shipment of hogs in 20 years, and will be the first consignment of five pigs ever to go through the port of St. John, N.B. Some of the hogs were bought on the local market, but the bulk of the shipment is from the Edmonton, Alta., district.

Great interest was taken in the shipment by the local stockmen, who were at the station when the train pulled out. All pointed to the great strides being made in the promotion and advancement of overseas trade.

Customs Probe

Shown That Government Had Endeavored to Prevent Smuggling

Ottawa.—Efforts of the Commercial Protective Association to secure the passage of drastic laws dealing with criminal smuggling in Canada were reviewed at a sitting of the customs board. Mr. P. Sparks, the association's president, was again on the stand. His correspondence with Premier King and other members of the cabinet was reviewed by J. C. Elliott, a Liberal member of the committee.

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Mr. Sparks had secured the co-operation of the government in the association's campaign against smugglers, that its suggestions for changes in the Customs Act had been to a large extent adopted, and that the law had been as strong as possible. Mr. Sparks admitted this in a general way.

Export Of Russian Grain Is Increasing

Expected It Will Reach Pre-War Level In Two Years

St. Paul, Minn.—Russian grain export is expected to regain its pre-war level of a half-billion bushels annually in about 1925, the international wheat pool conference, in session here, was told.

D. P. Pavlov, trade delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, made this statement in an address to the grain export specialists of Russia. He placed 1925 grain exports of Russia at 200,000,000 bushels. Russian co-operative organizations, he said, maintain a dominating position in comparison to the government and private exporters of the Soviet Union.

Do Not Want Eight-Hour Day

London.—The Civil Servants' Association has threatened to give the government a troublesome time if the proposition that henceforth the new members of the civil service should work eight hours a day instead of seven hours, as at present is adopted. This is one of the tentative measures of government economy now under consideration by the cabinet.

Encountered Severe Storm

New York.—The British freighter *Erington Court*, after battling three violent storms on the North Atlantic and losing her first officer, arrived here from Swansea with a cargo of anthracite coal. The voyage took 21 days.

World Wide Wheat Pool May Be Established At Next Conference

St. Paul, Minn.—The three-day international wheat pool conference of delegates from Canadian, Australian and American wheat pools ended with the appointment of a committee to maintain the relations established at the conference and to arrange for another conference, probably next year.

It is at this next conference that a serious effort is to be made to establish, if not a world pool, at least some working arrangement between the pools of some of the more important wheat exporting countries. This could not be consummated at the recent conference because the Australian pools

Ottawa.—The battle over the Crow's Nest Pass rates adjourned at a critical juncture. When adjournment was declared, it was before the board a question as to whether a material part of the case of Saskatchewan and Alberta should not be disallowed. Deputy Chief Commissioner Vian had expressed a doubt as to whether these provinces were not out of court on this matter, and Chairman McKewen had disagreed but added a remark that he was probably in a minority.

The application before the board involves two distinct cases. There is the claim that the westbound export grain rates do not comply with the order of the board made in September last. It is out of this dispute that the present hearings arose, but the main case has not yet been taken up with the argument of the closely related case as to whether the eastbound grain rates are in compliance with the Crow's Nest Pass rate as brought into force by the act passed by parliament last June. The two provinces insist that the eastbound rates should be reduced to the same level, and they are seeking to get those reductions made before they ask for the westbound rates to be brought down to the same mileage basis as those on grain eastbound.

Red Delegates Must Explain Expenditures

Spent Millions of Gold Rubles and Accepted Moscow's Policies

Latvia.—A group of delegates, representing many countries, have arrived at Moscow to attend the annual communist conference.

Parades, receptions and "at the theatres" in honor of the delegates are being held all this year. The attitude of the delegates is subdued, according to the Moscow papers.

Not that the delegates, head of the all-powerful state police—the Cheka—the Communist party has decided to call the delegates to an accounting. Most of the sessions of the conference will be devoted to reports on how the appropriations have been spent during the last year. The Soviet papers are unable to understand why the millions of gold rubles failed to produce any noticeable revolutionary activities abroad.

Already the Scandinavian communist party has been notified that they no longer will receive Moscow's financial assistance. Subsidies in all the other European communist parties face a radical reduction.

Russian Torturers On Trial

Seventeen Charged With Death of Eleven Persons During Famine

Singered, Russia.—Two brothers named Mushlunoff, and fifteen others, were placed on trial here on charges of torturing eleven persons to death during the famine of 1921-22. The charges were that they had tortured others. The crimes occurred during the famine period, but were only recently revealed.

More than one hundred witnesses have been called. One of the Mushlunoff brothers was chairman of the local committee for suppression of banditry, and the other was chairman of the Soviet of his village.

Mexico Excludes Priests

Vera Cruz.—Governor Jara has ordered all the municipalities in the state of Vera Cruz to exclude the priests from the Mexican constitution and to exclude all priests and close all Roman Catholic schools.

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The Wheat Pool announce
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Jack Sharp left for Calgary,
on Saturday.

J. Highmore, was admitted
to the hospital on March 4.

Mrs. F. Steinley was admit-
ted to the hospital, March 6.

Orval Ellis, returned from an
extended stay in Calgary, on
Monday.

E. T. Cameron, is C.P.R.
night operator here, in place of
Al. Morrow.

Mrs. Kubs, of Lander, was
admitted to the hospital on
March 2.

Mrs. Montgomery, who was
cook at the local hospital, last
year, has resumed her old position
as housekeeper at the local hospital.

Jack Boswell announces that
he is now doing harness repairing
and vulcanizing at the little
"red shack."

The Easter meeting of the
W.M.S. of Castle Coumbe, will
be held at Mrs. F. Rivers, on
Sunday afternoon, March 21st,
at 2:30 o'clock. Members are
asked to bring their milk boxes.

Mr. Lush, of Empress, was in
town between train, and took
the opportunity of calling on
his old Cypress hill friends,
Mrs. Jas. Simson and Mrs.
Morrison-Mail, Basano.

At Morrow left on Tuesday
for McLeod, Alta. He will be
missed by numerous friends he
made during his residence here,
and his many good wishes
for his success in his new ap-
pointment.

The announcement in con-
nection with dates series of
meetings to be held to "probe
farmers problems" is withheld
for a week. The dates have
been set for the week of March
22-27, owing to Mr. Freeman be-
ing unable to get away previous
to this period.

The Hospital Board have
taken the Rose home to be used
as a Nurses' home. Anyone
having a piece of furniture,
rucker or easy chair, a donation
of some for the home will be
appreciated.

The Women's Missionary So-
ciety will meet at the home of
Mrs. W. Pullin on Wednesday
afternoon, at 3:30, March 17.
This is the regular yearly meet-
ing when election of officers
will be held. Every member is
requested to be present.

Farmers would be well ad-
vised to have the Dept. of Agri-
culture make a 6- or 12-day ger-
mination test and seed which
they propose sowing this sea-
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The Alberta Legislature

Many New Bills - Future of
Northern Railways Subject
of Hot Debate.

With the address in reply to
the Throne speech out of the
way, the Alberta Legislature
got down to business this week.

New Legislation

Monday was devoted to clear-
ing up of the order paper, and
several motions that had been
standing for some time were
disposed of.

Thirty-seven bills have been
read first or second reading, and
several have reached the com-
mittee stage.

Many of these are compari-
tively unimportant, but others
are of first magnitude, especial-
ly the bill for the transfer to
the Province of the public lands,
with which is incorporated the
agreement with the Dominion
Government for the turning over
to the Province of the natural
resources.

A new Municipal District Act
is on its way through. The most
important changes are in re-
spect to closer supervision of
secretary-treasurers by the au-
ditors. This is with a view of
reducing defalcations, which
have been unfortunately pre-
valent of recent years.

An amendment to the Hail
Insurance Act will have the
effect of dividing the Province
into zones, with varying rates
according to the losses of the
pastive years.

A resolution calling for the
construction of a forty-one-
mile extension to the A. & G.
W. railway was withdrawn
after the Minister of Railways
had expressed himself decidedly
against it on the ground that
it was not warranted by the
number of settlers in the dis-
trict, and that part of the dis-
trict was already served by the
C.N.R. The previous govern-

ment had in 1915 built the grade
and laid ten miles of track on
the extension asked for, not for
the benefit of the Province, but
to use up the balance of the
guarantee on the A. & G. W.
amounting to \$20,000 per mile
or \$200,000. The work done
would be of very little value,
as it would cost over \$700,000
now to complete the line.

A request for the linking up
of the Peace River with the
Provincial telephone system
was favorably considered, and
the line will probably be com-
pleted when the new motor
highway is built.

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A resolution of sympathy to
Hon. C. R. Mitchell on the death
of his mother was passed by a
standing vote.

Want "Blue Sky" Legislation
The Legislature unanimously
passed a resolution calling up
on the Dominion Government
to put companies applying for
charters in the Province under
the control of the Provincial
Utilities Board, similar legisla-
tion has been asked for by
Manitoba, and Saskatchewan
and was very necessary in view
of the present oil boom.

Government employees, it
was stated numbered 2,130, on
March 10, 1926, as against 2,061 on
August 23, 1921. School inspec-
tors now numbered 26, as against
40, in 1921.

The whole of Thursday after-
noon was occupied by a full-
day debate on a resolution proposed
by J. G. Bowen (Liberal, Edmonton),
the purpose of which was to amend
the regulations with regard to the
ultimate ownership and operation
of the E. D. & B. C. Railway and the
Central Canada Railway was having
serious effect on the country served
by the line, and viewing with alarm
the action of the Government.

The argument at times verged on
the abusive, and Mrs. McCung took
occasion to chide the members for
allowing the proceedings to assume
the character of a "cavalry."

Premier Brownlee, in presenting
the statement of the Government,
said the railway problem was the
people of this Province had
to face. The railways had approxi-
mately \$10,000,000 of public money
invested in them, and every year
\$1,000,000 had to be provided for
interest alone. The Province had
to be prepared to assume trans-
portation problems that should
have been assumed by the Dominion
Govt.

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backed the action of the Govern-
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majority received speech.

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was passed unanimously calling
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enact legislation whereby a woman
of British nationality could retain her
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**National Aspect of Problems
of Canadian Farmers**

President of Canadian Council of Agriculture, at Annual Meeting in
Regina, Review Work and Organization of Council and
Answers Recent Attacks.

In opening the annual meeting of the
Canadian Council of Agriculture at Regi-
na on February 26th, the President,
Mr. J. H. McLeod, of Regina, said
the United Farmers of Ontario, kindly
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and was suffering for it now. The rail-
ways were at present being efficiently
operated, the rates were satisfactory
and nothing was being lost by delay. By
delaying action the Government had al-
ready taken the Province out of the money
and they believed that when they did
ultimately bring negotiations to a close
their action would be fully justified. The
Opposition course in attempting to force
the Government's hand was not in the
best interests of the Province. A resolu-
tion had been proposed before the end
of the session, and the Opposition should
have been satisfied with that. Under no
form of administration could the people
of the line served get a better service
than at present.

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